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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **CAMP GREGORY JARVIS DISTURBANCE**

This is to advise your Board of a disturbance that occurred at Camp Jarvis on Monday, May 9, 2011 at approximately 5:20 p.m. At the time of the incident, sixteen (16) minors were in the recreation area being escorted back to the dorm. Preliminary information indicates that the incident may have been racially motivated as a minor was heard making the comment "All Mexicans can't fight". There were forty-three (43) youth in the recreation area at the time of the incident.

There were ten (10) staff on duty with five (5) staff assigned to supervise the area where the incident occurred. When the minors began fighting, camp Jarvis staff gave several commands instructing minors to stop, to no avail. OC spray was deployed and the incident was quelled. Security staff and Camp Onizuka staff responded to the area of the incident and provided assistance. No outside law enforcement assistance was required.

Minors involved have been examined and cleared by medical staff. As of this time, one (1) minor reported feeling "light" headed. No staff injuries have been reported. For safety and security and pending investigation, sixteen (16) minors were removed to the Special Housing Unit.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board of any new information as it becomes available.

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c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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